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1. COMMANDER GUILHERME GEORGE CONCEICAO E SILVA WAS BORN ON JAN. 23, 1930. HE HOLDS LAW DEGREE FROM UNIV. OF LISBON, SUBSEQUENTLY PRACTICED LAW PRIVATELY, AND IN OCT. 1970 WAS APPOINTED PROSECUTOR BEFORE NAVAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL. AFTER APRIL 25 HE HEADED FIRST MILITARY-DESIGNATED ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION TO OVERSEE ACTIVITIES OF RTP (PORTUGUESE RADIO AND TELEVISION), LATER BEING NAMED TO HEAD COMMISSION ON LIQUIDATION OF PIDE/DGS (SECURITY POLICE) AND THE PORTUGUESE LEGION.

2. LISBON DAO FILES INDICATE THAT CONCEICAO E SILVA HAS FAMILY
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BACKGROUND THAT LINKS HIM SYMPATHETICALLY TOWARD BRITISH. ONE

GRANDMOTHER WAS ENGLISH AND REPORTEDLY HAD STRONG EFFECT ON HIM DURING EARLY CHILDHOOD. HIS WIFE IS ENGLISH; HE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH (ALSO SOME FRENCH AND SPANISH); HE STUDIED IN ENGLAND IN 1953 AND AND 1958 WHILE IN PORTUGUESE NAVY.

3. DAO FILES CHARACTERIZE CONCEICAO E SILVA AS PLEASANT AND SOCIABLE, DEMONSTRATING EXCELLENT JUDGMENT, "GREAT INTELLIGENCE AND COMMON SENSE." A 1967 REPORT STATES THAT HE FELT FRSUTRATED BY (SALAZAR) GOVERNMENT. HE ALSO WAS REPORTED TO BE POLITICALLY LIBERAL IN OUTLOOK AND TO ENJOY AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION BOTH AS A LAWYER AND NAVAL OFFICER.

4. EMBOFF WHO HAD RECENT CONTACT WITH CONCEICAO E SILVA AGREES WITH ABOVE DESCRIPTION, FINDING CONCEICAO E SILVA OPEN, DIRECT, ALERT, AND KEENLY AWARE OF THE NEED IN HIS POSITION (HEAD OF LIQUIDATION COMMISSION) TO ASSURE THAT THE PURSUIT OF JUSTICE MEANT PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE INNOCENT ALONG WITH PROSECUTION OF THE GUILTY.
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